Federation Bulletin

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APEX HISTORICAL SOCIETY www.apexhistorical.com

Christmas Home Tour

Sunday, Dec. 7, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Enjoy a tour of local homes, the Christian Home United Church of Christ, the historic Apex train depot (home of the Chamber of Commerce), and the Maynard-Pearson House (home of the Apex Historical Society). When you purchase a tour guide brochure (one per person), that will serve as your admissions ticket and provide site location information. Advance tickets cost \$10 per adult, \$5 for children (12 and under), free for infants. On the day of the tour, tickets cost \$12 for adults, \$5 for children, and free for infants.

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ASHE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Jefferson) www.ashehistoricalsociety.org

Membership Meetings

Mondays, Dec. 10, Jan. 12, and Feb. 9, 5:30 p.m.

Come to the Museum of Ashe County History for these monthly meetings of the Ashe County Historical Society. Meetings feature speakers who talk about local history. The public is welcome.

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AYCOCK BIRTHPLACE

www.nchistoricsites.org/aycock/aycock.htm, (919) 242-5581

Christmas Candlelight Tours

Tuesday, Dec. 2 and Thursday, Dec. 4, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Enjoy Christmas music in our auditorium. Then go to our one-room school and participate in a shadow play. Stroll over to the Aycock home, which is decorated for the season, and learn about 19th- century Christmas traditions. Visit the historic kitchen and see a 19th-century Christmas feast spread on the table and see open-hearth cooking demonstrations. Free samples of apple cider will be available.

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CATAWBA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (Hickory)

www.catawbacountygenealogicals ociety.org/

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Come to the Catawba County Library in Newton for this meeting. Guests are always welcome!

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CATAWBA COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION (Newton) www.catawbahistory.org (828) 465-0383

Christmas and Cards

Friday, Dec. 5, 7 p.m.-10 p.m. Come to the Harper House/Hickory History Center for this program. For more information, call (828) 324-7294.

Victorian Christmas Tours

Saturday, Dec. 13, 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Come to the Harper House/ Hickory History Center for this program. Experience the magic and wonder of a Victorian Christmas and enjoy some holiday music and light refreshments! Please call for information about tickets.

Coffee Talk Program: The Origins of Victorian Christmas Traditions Saturday, Dec. 6, 1:30 p.m.– 2:30 p.m. Join Melinda Herzog, executive director of the Catawba County
Historical Association, at the History Museum of Catawba County for a free historical lecture.
Enjoy Christmas cookies and punch after the program.

DAVIE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

(Mocksville)

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/ ~ncdavhgs

Monthly Meetings

Thursdays, Jan. 22 and Feb. 26, 7 p.m.

Come to the Martin-Wall History Room of the Davie County Public Library for these meetings, which are open to the public.

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EDENTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

http://ehcnc.org

Edenton's Christmas Candlelight Tour

Friday-Saturday, Dec. 12–13 Enjoy this self-guided walking tour of homes in Edenton's 300vear old historic district, beautifully decorated for the holidays. Enjoy additional Edenton holiday weekend events at no charge, such as the Barker House Holiday Repast; the Cupola House Wassail Bowl; the Iredell House Groaning Board; caroling in the 1767 Courthouse; the Edenton-Chowan Christmas Parade; and Chowan Art's Confection Perfection. For more information on all of Edenton's weekend events, visit http:// visitedenton.com/december-events or call (252) 482-7800.



FRIENDS OF THE PAGE-WALKER HOTEL (Cary)

www.friendsofpagewalker.org (919) 460-4963

Raleigh Boychoir Millennium Chorus

Sunday, Dec 14, 4 p.m.-6 p.m. What better way to get in the holiday spirit than to listen to heavenly voices performing holiday classics? Choir members, aged 7 to 14, have performed at the White House, Carnegie Hall, and the National Cathedral; the Millennium Chorus is composed of select members of the choir who will bring an afternoon of wonderful choral music to the Page-Walker.

Winter Concert Series: Tony Williamson

Sunday, Jan. 25, 4 p.m.-6 p.m. "Mandolin Virtuoso Tony Williamson sure can play, and what he doesn't know about mandolins, nobody does!" This is how Acoustic Musician magazine summed up the skill of a man whose concerts have delighted audiences for over 40 years in every state of the Union and in many foreign countries. He brings to the concert stage a love of music, a deep connection to his Carolina roots, and a wonderful knowledge of musical instruments and their history.

Winter Concert Series: Brian Reagin

Sunday, Feb. 15, 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Brian Reagin, violinist and concertmaster of the North Carolina Symphony, returns as a favorite



to the Friends Concert Series. Reagin, who captivates audiences with his brilliant performances, will treat concertgoers to a classical repertoire on his Lorenzo and Tomasso Carcassi violin made in Florence, Italy, in 1763. Don't miss this one; it sells out every year!

Tickets for any of these events cost \$15. Season tickets and individual concert tickets may be purchased at the Cary Arts Center box office, online at the Friends' website, or by phone at (800) 514-3849

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GASTON COUNTY MUSEUM

(Dallas)

www.gastoncountymuseum.org (704) 922-7681

Annual Holiday Open House

Friday, Dec. 12, 3 p.m.-7 p.m. Enjoy the Town of Dallas Christmas Parade beginning at 4 p.m.. and then join us at the museum. Our free annual Holiday Open House features Christmas traditions for the whole family. See the museum decorated for Christmas. visit the Museum Shop for holiday gifts, take part in cookie decorating and historic crafts, hear live music, and participate in historic dancing. Father Christmas, the original Santa Claus, will be celebrating with us this evening and he would love to meet you! For additional information about this program, please call (704) 922-7681, ext. 105.

Concerts at the Courthouse

Fridays, Jan. 23 and Feb. 13, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

The Gaston County Museum is hosting a free concert series in the newly renovated Historic Courthouse in Dallas, N.C. The series focuses on Americana style music being performed by some of the best artists in the region. Singer-

songwriter Chris Cook will perform in January, and in February songwriter and storyteller Michael Reno Harrell will perform. Seating for the concert is first come, first served, and the doors will open at 6:15 p.m. For additional information about this program, please call (704) 922-7681, ext. 105.

Vinegar Valentine

Thursday, Feb. 12, 6 p.m.-7 p.m. We have all received sweet Valentines before, but can you imagine receiving a bitter one? Come learn about the odd practice of sending Vinegar Valentines, a popular activity at the turn of the 20th century. See some classic examples and learn how you can renew an old tradition, if you dare! This program is by reservation only. Please call (704) 922-7681, ext. 105 to reserve your seat.

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GREENSBORO HISTORICAL MUSEUM

http://greensborohistory.org (336) 373-3681

Holiday Parade Finale

Saturday, Dec. 6, 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

After you enjoy the Downtown Holiday Parade, keep the fun going at the historical museum. Sip on hot chocolate, meet Mrs. Claus, make an ornament ... the list keeps going! Make a Sunset Hills-style lighted Christmas ball to hang outside your home, have fun with old-fashioned toys, and stop in at the McNairy House and Hockett Blacksmith Shop. Odds are you'll still be shopping for friends and family, so stop in the Museum Shop to give a gift that says Greensboro, from keychain and magnet stocking stuffers to tasty local foods and teas to finelycrafted pottery and jewelry.

HENDERSON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Hendersonville)

www.hcghs.com, (828) 693-1531

Bi-monthly Meetings

Saturday, Dec. 6, 9:30 a.m. and Feb. 7, 10 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to these meetings, which include a program or guest speaker with varied topics of local/genealogical interest. Social time begins thirty minutes before the meeting time.

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HICKORY LANDMARKS SOCIETY

http://hickorylandmarks.org (828) 322-4731

Victorian Christmas Open House

Sunday, Dec. 13, 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Visitors to the Propst House will see and learn about Christmas traditions of a middle class family in late 19th-century Hickory. Throughout the house are authentic and reproduction holiday prints drawn by cartoonist Thomas Nast between 1863 and 1885. Each appeared in Harper's Weekly Magazine, depicting the epitome of a Victorian-era Christmas. Also on exhibit are antique postcards and children's books. Free guided or self-guided tours include special exhibits featuring holiday greenery and faux Victorian-era food. Children and adults alike will find the experience both educational and entertaining. Free.



Poinsettia Sale
Through Dec. 17,
9 a.m.-5 p.m.
(Daily except
Sundays)
Come to the Maple
Grove Museum in
Hickory to buy

beautiful poinsettias to celebrate the season.

Gala Opening Event

Saturday, Jan. 10, 3 p.m.– 5:30 p.m.

Join Hickory Landmarks Society and Cornerstone United Inc. of Hickory in celebrating the grand opening of a newly restored 19th-century wagon manufacturing building. The structure, the last remaining structure of the Piedmont Wagon Company, has been adapted for use as Cornerstone United's corporate headquarters. Tickets: \$50. For more information and to order tickets, visit www.hickorylandmarks.org or call the society.

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HIGH POINT MUSEUM

www.highpointmuseum.org (336) 885-1859 (For a complete list of events, please visit the website.)

Holiday Open House

Sunday, Dec. 7, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. This annual event has become a tradition with local families. Come for a day of special reenactments, music, demonstrations, refreshments and hands-on activities like candle dipping! Fun for all ages. Free; no reservations required.

Research at the North Carolina State Archives: How to Get the Most out of the Experience Monday, Jan. 26, 6:30 p.m.– 7:45 p.m.

Join Larry Cates at the High Point Public Library for this class, which is intended to help the firsttime visitor to the North Carolina State Archives prepare for the experience. What rules must you follow? How are the collections organized? How should you plan to tackle a typical research question? The intent of this program is to prepare participants for our HRC-sponsored Field Trip to the Archives in May, but all are welcome to attend. No pre-registration is required for this program, but if you are interested in the trip in May you must pre-register and pre-pay by April 1.

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HISTORIC BURKE FOUNDATION

(Morganton) http://historicburke.org (828) 437-4104

Moonlight and Mistletoe

Sunday, Dec. 7, 6 p.m.—9:30 p.m. Come to the Morganton Community House for this event; tickets cost \$50. Please call for details.

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HISTORIC HOPE FOUNDATION

www.hopeplantation.org (252) 794-3140

Christmas Open House at Hope Plantation

Sunday, Dec. 7, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

The Hope Plantation mansion and King Bazemore house will be decorated with period decorations. Join us for live holiday music, refreshments, and horse and wagon/carriage rides. Performers in period costumes will be dancing and playing games

will be dancing and playing games of the era. There is no charge but donations are appreciated.

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JOEL LANE MUSEUM HOUSE

(Raleigh) www.joellane.org, (919) 833-3431

A Colonial Christmas Open House



Saturday, Dec. 6, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
The house will be decorated with

traditional greenery and will reflect the very different way in which colonists and early Americans celebrated the Christmas holiday. Information about the house and grounds will be offered by costumed docents; reenactors will demonstrate scenes of 18th-century life; the sounds of live music will fill the air; and other interpreters will entertain children using colonial games and crafts through the "Hands-on History" program. The museum store will be open with a great choice of gifts under \$10 for both young and not so young, and the annual bake sale will feature delicious local specialties and traditional delights. Admission is free, and donations are requested.

How to Read a House: Identifying Historic Buildings

Thursday, Jan. 8, 7 p.m. Changes and development in building materials technology provide great information to help understand the construction date and evolution of your house. Mitch Wilds of the State Historic Preservation Office will discuss datable changes in technology relating to the manufacture and use of building materials including saw marks, nails, screws, and other building materials. Admission: \$16 for the general public, \$11 for members of the Joel Lane Historical Society. Seating is limited; advance payment is required. Please visit the JLMH website and click on the link to Eventbrite. Be sure to include the names of all in your party; nametags will serve as tickets.

Jane Holding in Oldest Living Confederate Widow

Friday, Feb. 6, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Oldest Living Confederate Widow is a play Allan Gurganus and Jane Holding adapted for the stage from his best-selling novel. It is produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc., New York City. Admission is \$26 per person. Advanced purchase is strongly suggested by visiting Eventbrite.com. Tickets are non-refundable unless we must cancel the event. The play will be performed at All Saints' Chapel in Raleigh

Anglers, Whalers, and Waves: The Story of Samuel Windsor Thursday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m.

Tony Curtis will present his film, Anglers, Whalers and Waves: The Story of Samuel Windsor, which is based on the life of Samuel Windsor, head of the only African American family living on Shackleford Banks in the late 1800s. Tony produced and stars in the film, which tells the story of the hardships of the life that the angler and whaler endured. Admission: \$16 for the general public, \$11 for members of the Joel Lane Historical Society. Seating is limited; advance payment is required. Please visit the JLMH website and click on the link to Eventbrite. Be sure to include the names of all in your party; nametags will serve as tickets.

MOORE COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION (Southern Pines) www.moorehistory.com (910) 692-2051

Bryant House Holiday Open House

Sunday, Dec. 7, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Get into the old-time Christmas spirit with the annual Christmas open house at the historic Bryant House and McLendon Cabin, located on Mount Carmel Road in

Carthage. Enjoy refreshments, live music, and decorations in these historic buildings. Free.

Shaw House Holiday Open House

Friday–Sunday, Dec. 12–14, 1 p.m.–4 p.m.
Enjoy old-time decorations, warm apple cider, and homemade cookies at the annual Christmas Open House. Tour three house museums built between the 1700s and 1800s. The event is free to the public to let people see how early Southern Pines and Sandhills

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MOUNT AIRY MUSEUM OF REGIONAL HISTORY

www.northcarolinamuseum.org (336) 786-4478

Holiday Open House

residents lived. Free.

Saturday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tour four floors of museum exhibits, view our themed Christmas trees, shop for holiday gifts, plus enjoy light refreshments and holiday music. Free.

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MURFREESBORO HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

www.murfreesboronc.org (252) 398-5922

$A\ Christmas\ Village$

Thursday–Friday, Dec. 4–5, 4:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

Amid beautifully decorated historic homes and buildings, you will enjoy seasonal festivities of refreshment and music as you embark on your adventure. The tour features twelve stops in historically significant structures; traditional holiday food in each venue;

complete sit-down Christmas dinner; complimentary horsedrawn carriage and tram rides in the Historic District; beautiful seasonal decorations representing the magic of Christmas; and musical entertainment at most sites. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Buy them through PayPal, call and give us your credit card information, or mail in a check with the registration form.

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MUSEUM OF THE CAPE FEAR (Favetteville)

http://museumofthecapefear.ncdcr.gov, (910) 486-1330

Holiday Jubilee: Christmas at the 1897 Poe House

Sunday, Dec. 14, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Holiday Jubilee encompasses the traditions of holidays past including music and cooking on the 1902 stove. Enjoy a Victorian caroling concert on the Poe House front porch and view the elaborate Christmas décor during this openhouse event. This free event is sponsored by a grant from the Arts Council of Fayetteville/ Cumberland County. Please note that Christmas décor can be viewed during regularly scheduled Poe House tours from November 25 to January 4.

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NEW BERN HISTORICAL SOCIETY www.NewBernHistorical.org (252) 638-8558

Under the Streetlamp

Monday, Feb. 16
The New Bern Historical Society brings Under the Streetlamp to New Bern on their nationwide tour. Under the Streetlamp will

perform favorites from the Four

Seasons, Beach Boys, Temptations, Beatles, and much more. This dynamic foursome, a PBS favorite, delivers an electrifying evening of classic hits from the American Radio songbook, bringing their unique blend of tight harmonies and slick dance moves to your favorite Doo-Wop, Motown, and classic Rock 'n' Roll hits. General admission tickets are \$38 (sales tax included), and \$35 (sales tax included) for active duty military and their dependents. Tickets will be available at the New Bern Historical Society office or online at www.NewBernHistorical.org. All proceeds from the concert go to support the Historical Society's ongoing educational programs, New Bern Battlefield Park, and the Attmore-Oliver House.

NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF HISTORY (Raleigh)

www.ncmuseumofhistory.org (919) 807-7900 (Programs are free unless otherwise noted. For a complete list of events, please visit the website.)

Growing Up in Raleigh

Sunday, Dec. 7, 4 p.m.
What was it like to grow up in
Raleigh in the 1940s and 1950s?
Smedes York, businessman and
former Raleigh mayor, will share
his experiences during a talk
presented with John Sharpe about
the new book Growing Up in
Raleigh. Written by Sharpe, the
book is based on his conversations
with York over a five-year period.
A book signing follows the program.

14th Annual African American Cultural Celebration: Let Freedom Sing!

Saturday, Jan. 31, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

More than 75 musicians, story-tellers, dancers, historians, playwrights, and others will help tell the rich and varied stories of our state and the continued quest of defining and working for freedom. The event is supported by the North Carolina African American Heritage Commission. For information, call Emily Grant at (919) 807-7979 or visit NCMOH-programs.com.

Monthly Film Series Fridays, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, and Feb. 13, 6 p.m.



Celebrate the films of North Carolina! Through September 2015, on the second Friday of each month at 6 p.m., watch a movie that will be

introduced by a featured speaker. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased in the Museum Shop. For a complete list of movies through September 2015, visit www.NCMOH-starring.com.

Iron Man 3

Friday, Dec. 12, 6 p.m. Much of Iron Man 3 was filmed at EUE/Screen Gems Studios and around Wilmington. In addition, the headquarters of SAS Institute and Epic Games Inc., both in Cary, served as the headquarters of Stark Industries. The film also shot on and above Oak Island, near Kenansville, and in Rose Hill. Memorabilia collector Bryan Simmons will introduce the film (rated PG-13).

Brainstorm

Friday, Jan. 9, 6 p.m. Join Ira David Wood III, actor, author, singer, theater director and playwright, in this viewing of

Brainstorm (rated PG). Wood was cast in the role of Barry, Natalie Wood's boyfriend, in this movie that was shot in several North Carolina locations.

Firestarter

Friday, Feb. 13, 6 p.m.
Jennifer Ward Bunch, photo double for Drew Barrymore, will be the featured speaker for this viewing of Firestarter (rated R-L, V).
Bunch was cast as Barrymore's photo double for Firestarter and Cat's Eye. Shot around Wilmington and in Chimney Rock and Lake Lure, the film brought producer Dino De Laurentiis to the state and started a revival of filmmaking in Wilmington.

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N.C. RAILWAY MUSEUM (New Hope) www.nhvry.org, (919) 362-5416

Ride the Rails with Santa Saturdays-Sundays, Dec. 6-7 and Dec. 13-14, 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. Ride the Triangle's Train with Santa during the first two weekends of December. Trains will depart from the New Hope Valley Railway's rail yard located in Bonsal, N.C., just 10 minutes south of Apex. A number of holiday characters will interact with kids of all ages during their visit. Frosty the Snowman will greet children in the rail vard, while Santa Claus and his elf will be on board the train joining visitors for a ride in the open-air passenger cars pulled by either a diesel or steam locomotive. Santa will go car-to-car, talk to each child, and pose for photos during the hour-long ride. Hot chocolate and other concessions are available from a food vendor set up in the rail yard. Tickets may be

purchased online at www.TriangleTrain.com or at the train yard the day of the ride. Holiday Santa trains tend to sell out; NHVR recommends buying tickets online and arriving at the train yard 30 minutes before the listed departure time.

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OLD SALEM (Winston-Salem) www.oldsalem.org, (888) 653-7253 (For a complete list of events, please visit the website.)

Saturdays with St. Nicholas Saturdays, Dec. 6, 13, and 20, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Bring your family to the Old Salem Historic District and start a new holiday tradition! Enjoy the beautiful

historic neighborhood accented by holiday decorations and special programming for children and the young at heart. Activities include meeting St. Nicholas and having a souvenir photo with him taken by a professional photographer (included in admission cost); watching the premiere performance of a new puppet show presented by the Heirloom Puppet Theater; hearing a reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas"; enjoying holiday shopping and complimentary giftwrapping, including a special children's shopping are so children can select gifts for their family and friends; tasting a holiday beverage and a treat from Winkler Bakery; and more. Admission costs \$7 per person (plus tax) for everyone ages 2 and up and includes all activities listed above, a souvenir photo, and a holiday snack. Children under 2 years of

age enjoy free admission. Tickets are available for purchase online and at the Frank L. Horton Museum Center and the Old Salem Visitor Center on the day of the event.

Salem Christmas

Saturday, Dec. 13, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Join Old Salem Museums & Gardens for its annual celebration of Moravian Christmas traditions during this full day of fun and festive activities. Just a few of the Salem Christmas activities and demonstrations that will take place that day include historic trades demonstrations; the puppet show "The Year of the Perfect Christmas" at 3:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.; period music throughout the historic buildings; historic games; hearth cooking demonstrations; hands-on activities; a Christmas concert at St. Philips Heritage Center: and a carol sing with the Tannenberg Organ. Activities are included with an All-In-One ticket. Friends of Old Salem enjoy free admission.

Chocolate-Dipped History: Celebrating Coffee, Tea, and American Heritage Chocolate®

Saturday, February 28, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Drinking coffee, tea, and chocolate was popular all over early America, including Salem. During this program, participants will investigate the value of chocolate, tea, and coffee in Salem, and will enjoy of few of the treats as well. All activities are included with the purchase of an All-In-One ticket. Purchase a ticket online or at the Visitors Center. Friends of Old Salem enjoy free

admission.

PRESERVATION CHAPEL HILL www.preservationchapelhill.org (919) 942-7818

Holiday House Tour

Saturday, Dec. 6, noon-7 p.m. Explore Gimghoul, one of Chapel Hill's oldest and most historic neighborhoods, during this tour. Please call for tickets.

Baroque & Beyond: Molly Quinn Sunday, Jan. 25, 3 p.m.

North Carolina produces periodmusic concerts under the nonprofit umbrella of Preservation Chapel Hill, which has a rich history of sponsoring musical performances. The programs are held in the Chapel of the Cross in Chapel Hill. In January, New York soprano Molly Quinn returns home for this program of French baroque music, featuring Monteclair's cantata Pan & Syrinx. Also featured are Gail Schroeder, viola da gamba; Gesa Kordes, baroque violin; Rebecca Troxler, baroque flute; and Beverly Biggs, harpsichord. Tickets: \$20. For more information, visit www.baroqueandbeyond.org.

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SOUTHPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

www.southporthistoricalsociety.org (910) 454-0437

Christmas Tour of Homes

Saturday, Dec. 13, 2 p.m.-7 p.m.



Tour seven homes during this annual tour; enjoy arts and crafts for children; browse the library's used book sale; see "A Christmas Tribute"

performed by high school students from Brunswick County; and enjoy watching the lighted holiday boat flotilla that evening. Funds from this event benefit the historical society's restoration and educational programs and also make possible a \$2,000 scholarship for a student at South Brunswick High School. Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$15 day of tour.

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VALLEYTOWN CULTURAL ARTS AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

(Andrews)

www.andrewsvalleyarts.com (828) 361-8602

Holiday Home Tour

Saturday–Sunday, Dec. 13–14 Please call the society for more information about this annual event.

WAKE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (Raleigh)

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/ ~ncwcgs

Family Holiday Traditions and Recipes

Tuesday, Dec. 9, 7 p.m. Come to the Olivia Raney Local History Library in Raleigh for this discussion, which will be led by WCGS volunteer Jennie Gunther. Everyone is encouraged to bring food, recipes, photos, and stories of traditions to share, and to learn engaging ways of preserving and passing on these traditions to family members. Meetings are free and open to the public, and are for all levels of family historians and genealogists, whether or not you are researching in Wake County. Come share some holiday cheer, genealogy style! It's a wonderful opportunity to step away from the computer to socialize with others who enjoy the same

hobby—you might even meet a new cousin!